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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/221,110

filed on 12/28/1998, entitled TELEPHONE NETWORK MANAGEMENT METHOD AND DEVICES.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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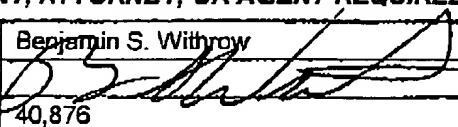
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				Total of above Calculations =	992
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	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.				
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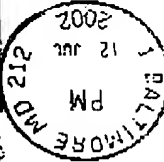
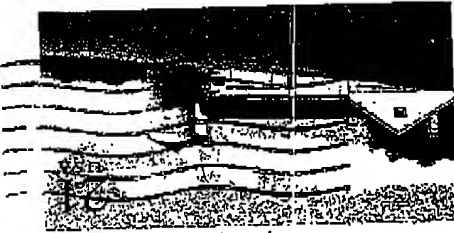
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- 1) Copy of postcard stamped by Patent Office indicating receipt on July 9, 2002 (1 page)
- 2) Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal and duplicate (4 pages)
- 3) Preliminary Amendment (9 pages)
- 4) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (1 page)
- 5) Power of Attorney (2 pages)
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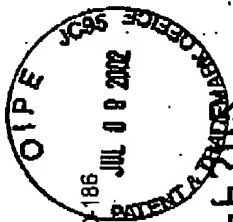
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1. CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL (AND DUPLICATE)
2. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (WITH RED-LINED FIG. 1)
3. REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 USC 122(d)(2)(B)(i)
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